

CITIZENS GET DATA TO ANSWER CRITICS OF HALF-AND-HALF

With Two-Day Respite, Committee Prepares Arguments Defending Fiscal Plan.

MACFARLAND WILL SUM UP

Will Reply to Herbert J. Browne and Members of Tax Reform Association.

A respite of two days in the labors of the Congressional committee investigating the half-and-half question will be taken tomorrow and Tuesday, during which time the joint citizens' committee will prepare arguments in rebuttal of those made against the existing fiscal arrangement between the District and Federal governments.

When the inquiry board adjourned yesterday afternoon, Senator Saulsbury, acting chairman, announced the committee desired all persons who want to make oral arguments to be on hand Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. At that time the committee will map out its program for the remainder of the week. It is possible the committee will desire to limit the time of volunteer witnesses who have filed no advance briefs reflecting their views. The original intention of the committee was to hear only those who filed formal briefs, but this rule had not been followed.

Two Volunteers Heard.
Two volunteer witnesses, A. B. Johnson, a lecturer, and James Kent, architect and builder, were heard by the committee late yesterday. Mr. Johnson presented a single tax argument, and Mr. Kent thought the people of the District ought to be given some sort of vote.

The executive committee of the joint citizens' organization will begin work tomorrow on supplementary briefs in answer to the arguments made by Herbert J. Browne, as well as members of the Tax Reform Association, to the half-and-half principle. Former Commissioner Macfarland probably will sum up in rebuttal for the committee. The District Commissioners and Tax Assessor Richard P. Pratt will follow Mr. Macfarland and the committee then will determine how much testimony it will take relative to conflicting claims regarding land values and assessments in the District.

Testimony Postponed.
A. S. Trundle is scheduled as the first witness Wednesday. Mr. Trundle wanted to appear yesterday, but there was a mix-up concerning the arrival of certain data he had requested sent to him at the Capitol and he asked to be excused from presenting his argument without notes. He announced he would talk on the subject of raising taxes and how the taxes should be spent.

James Kent, the last witness heard yesterday, testified in breezy fashion and said he didn't intend to bore the committee with an academic argument. He was an advocate of suffrage in the District, even to the extent of electing postmasters. "The election of postmasters is one thing with which this committee is not concerned," said Congressman Cooper with relief. Mr. Kent said the idea was good, nevertheless. He paid passing praise to the initiative, referendum and recall, saying it had worked satisfactorily in the West.

Hadn't Been Very Far.
"Do you think you can speak for the entire West?" asked Senator Works of California at the mention of the initiative. Mr. Kent said he hadn't been very far West, but understood the initiative, referendum and recall was fairly popular in that section.

"You've been as far west as West Virginia, haven't you?" asked Congressman Gard. Mr. Kent said he had spent several years in that State and proceeded to tell a political story or two. If suffrage is given the District, he urged, "there perhaps ought to be some sort of educational test."

"I have heard prominent statesmen recommend an education test," he continued. "I don't believe I ever heard any of you gentlemen say so."

Witness in "Contempt."
"We're not in that class," facetiously said Congressman Gard, while Congressman Cooper jokingly declared that "the witness is in contempt of court." A general laugh followed.

Mr. Kent said he had lived in Washington for thirty-one years and had a

OFFICIALS FOR FOOD SHOW



Left, PERRY P. PATRICK; right, J. H. GOODRICH.

CHERRYDALE FORMS BOY SCOUT TROOP

Members of New Organization to Make Tenderfoot Examinations Next Week.

Cherrydale, Va., now has a troop of boy scouts connected with the Washington branch. The troop, known as No. 7, was organized Friday. The following members will take tenderfoot examinations next week: Everett Williams, George Fisher, Hampton Davis, Gordon Sumner, Lloyd Hoover, William Hill, George Waters, Edmund Arnold, Rozier Bladen, Louis Harrison, Robert Rollins, Charles Jones, John Winner and Irvine Reed.

The boys will be especially trained in first aid work so as to be of assistance to hunters or other persons injured while in the rural districts and also take a course in methods of fighting forest or woods fires.

Announcement was made today that Troop 31 had been declared the winner of the blue ribbon for the best demonstration of tower building at the recent entertainment given in honor of the bandmen. Troop 16 captured the second prize.

H. L. Taylor has resigned as scoutmaster of Troop 7 and Walter E. Marsh has succeeded him. The troop is now planning its winter scout activities. At the meeting of Troop 5 in St. Mark's Church, John Ballough was appointed the new scoutmaster and the election of officers resulted as follows: Hugh Turner, president; Henry Scott, vice president; Samuel Hardy, secretary; Kenneth Miller, treasurer; and John Doyle, scout representative in council. Addresses were made by Field Executive Taylor and the Rev. C. H. Stetson.

wide acquaintance within a radius of 30 miles of this city. He was once a school teacher, he explained, but later went in for architecture. Mr. Johnson, who preceded Mr. Kent, said he was a lecturer and so-called taxation expert. He was also a single taxer, he added, but not a rabid one. He presented an exhaustive single tax argument, although he said he didn't expect the committee to recommend a single tax for the District. Senator Works asked how he knew this.

"I know you will not recommend it because there is no demand for it," Mr. Johnson said.

On Wasting Time.
"Then what's the use of wasting our time?" asked Congressman Rainey. "I am not wasting your time," retorted Mr. Johnson.

"Not wasting our's, but your own," said Mr. Rainey. "If you will wait until I get through," continued the witness, "you may have another idea about it."

He continued his single tax argument, winding up with the suggestion that as an entering wedge the committee recommend a gradually increasing tax on land values and a decreasing tax on improvements.

KANSAS WOMAN MAY WEAR MAN'S CLOTHES

Law Gives Her Right to Do Almost Anything She Wants to—May Change Name.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 31.—Women who feel that their sphere of activity are circumscribed should come to Kansas. The law in Kansas prohibits women from few liberties that men enjoy. Because of many requests for information about the Kansas laws for women, S. M. Brewster, attorney general, has prepared the following list of things women can do in Kansas:

Can take back her maiden name after her husband is dead without any legal process or legislative act.
Can keep her own name when she is married.
Can persuade her husband to take her name and give up his family name if she does not like it.
Can retain her maiden name for business transactions, and use her husband's name for social affairs.
If wife does not like either her own or husband's family name, they can change to a name that does suit.
A woman can wear men's clothing without any restriction except that she must pose as a man.
She can vote at every election.
She can hold any office in the State and run for Congress.
She can hold property of her own and give her share of the family property by will, but cannot deed her share away.
She can take up a homestead or school lands as her own property.

Teacher Sentenced to Four Years in Blackmail Case

ATLANTA, Oct. 31.—Stella Griffin, the school teacher of Villa Rica, central figure in the sensational Jackson-Garrett blackmail and perjury cases here, has been sentenced to four years in the State prison farm.

It was the amazing story told by this girl that resulted in sending C. C. Garrett, a broker, to prison for seven years for attempted blackmail and jury subornation of perjury. She claimed Garrett and Judge R. B. Jackson, a prominent attorney, coerced her into framing a fake "love balm" suit for \$12,000 against George B. Rauch, well-to-do business man.

Jackson will be placed on trial November 3 for complicity in the alleged "frame-up."

Orders for Silence Are Issued to All French
PARIS, Oct. 31.—The military government of Paris and Lyons and the generals commanding the military districts of France have received from the minister of war large placards reading as follows:

"Keep silent; be careful; the enemy is listening."
These placards will be placed in railway trains and street cars and in public places.

ALL IS IN READINESS FOR BIG FOOD SHOW

District Commissioners Will Formally Open Exhibit at Convention Hall.

Everything in the way of eatables, from canned soup to "noix glacées," is to be exhibited before hungry Washingtonians at the food show, which will be formally opened at Convention Hall tomorrow night by the District Commissioners.

This will be the sixth exposition of the kind to be arranged by the Retail Grocers' Protective Association, and it promises to exceed in variety and interest all former efforts. The booths in the large building have been tastefully decorated so as to appeal to the eye as well as the appetite, and a canopy of white and blue flags stretches over the entire array.

The exhibitors at the show will include the following:
J. F. Howard, C. F. Mueller Company, P. G. Thomson & Co., C. A. Gambrill Manufacturing Company, Brown & Baines, Kirkman & Son, the Fleischmann Company, McCormick & Company, Washington Gas Light Company, Martin Gillett & Co., B. B. Sarnow & Bro., Fohn & Stawick Company, C. Anger, Brodel Company, H. C. Baxter & Son, Genesee Pure Food Company, The Eckenberg Company, Corn Products Refining Company, the Hill Brothers Company, Huyler's George Washington Refining Company, Electric Power Company, Chapin-Rocks Manufacturing Company, Havenner Baking Company, Franklin Sugar Refining Company, Christian Science, Corby Baking Company, Burroughs & Sons, Machine Company, Kaffee Bag Corporation, the C. F. Sauer Company, Thompson's Dairy, Atmore & Son, A. L. Laffer Provision Company, John G. Members, Chalmers Gelatine, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, Potomac Electric Power Company, the Frederick W. Lipp Company, White Cross Milk Company, Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company, Levering Coffee Company, Peck Bros. & Finch, Tolman Laundry, Hasty Milling Company, New Method Stove Company, Rammel Manufacturing Company, of Chapin-Rocks Manufacturing Company, Havenner Baking Company, Puritan Food Products Company, Ward Baking Company, Franco-American Food Company, Bureau of Fisheries, and Housekeepers' Alliance, through The Housekeepers' Alliance, through

its members, will conduct a home economics department in the show under the direction of a committee composed of Mrs. Alice E. Whitaker, president; Mrs. Howard L. Knight, treasurer; Mrs. Paul Dunbar, secretary; Mrs. W. D. Blaglow, Mrs. Appleton Clark, Jr., Mrs. E. F. Macfarland, Mrs. H. N. Jones, Mrs. F. L. Ransome, Mrs. Buel Root Rhodes, Miss Georgia Robertson, Mrs. R. N. Wade, Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, Miss Ellen M. Rugg, Miss Ellen A. Vinton, Mrs. Richard B. Watrous, and Mrs. Ella Henderson West.

Class Officers Chosen At Howard University

The class of 1916, law department, Howard University, has elected the following officers: President, Henry W. Davis, vice, William L. Briggs; secretary, Charles E. Robinson; assistant secretary, Glenn H. McBrayer; treasurer, Jackson L. Davis; chaplain, Alfred H. Collins; sergeant-at-arms, Charles E. Lane; clerk of court, Alpheus E. Crum; court crier, Lafayette A. Howell.

Girl Says Husband Has Another Wife

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 31.—Sobbing bitterly, pretty Edna Howard, twenty-four, of Pittsburgh, an orphan, related to Magistrate Sweeney how she had married James A. Eilers, superintendent of the Welsh building here and formerly of Wilmington, N. C., thinking him a divorced man, but only to find later that he has a wife and child in Wilmington.

The girl's sobs and tears of innocence won her dismissal. Eilers is held on a bigamy charge.

Unset Diamonds Stolen.

BOSTON, Oct. 31.—Unset diamonds, jewelry and money amounting to \$5,000 were stolen from a safe in the store of Hyman Levin, credit jeweler, Levin has reported to the police. The robbery is believed to have been committed early yesterday. The police believe the robbers placed show cases before the windows, shielding their operations from the view of passers-by.

Meet After 59 Years.

RICH HILLS, Mo., Oct. 31.—John C. McWeathy, eight-seven, of Urbana, Ill., and Joseph I. McWeathy, eighty-one, living southeast of this city, have just met here for the first time in fifty-nine years.

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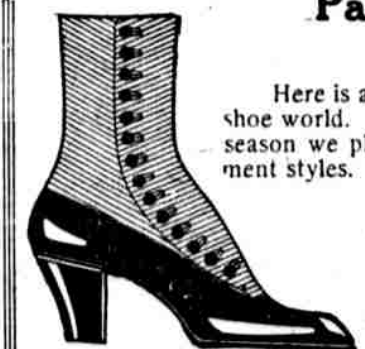
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